

PURLEY BEECHES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2024



ASH TREE DIE BACK

You will no doubt be aware that we, Purley Beeches Residents, have a problem with Ash Tree Die Back in the woodland bordering the Oxford Road for which we are responsible. As the trees die, they become unstable and pose a much greater risk to people and to the roads and properties on either side of the woods.

The green corridor between Knowsley Road and The Roebuck has done a great deal to enhance Purley Beeches and bring increased value to properties. Our woods act as a natural barrier to noise and pollution from the Oxford Road and benefit the environment. Our aim is to maintain the woodland and stone walls, but we now need to appeal for help from you.

The attached link to The Good Exchange appealing for funding sets out the problem in greater detail. The Good Exchange has accepted our appeal for funds to help remedy the situation and offered to 'match fund' donations received from donors. ***The maximum The Good Exchange will match is £5,000 but this offer will end on 6 July 2024. To date, generous donations from residents of over £1000 have been matched.***

The Chairman and Trustees extend a big thank you to everyone who has made donations so far but more funds are urgently required so that the necessary tree work can commence. You are reminded that, although we have insurance cover, should damage occur caused by trees known to be unstable, all residents would be equally liable.

To make a donation click on <https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/20158/purley-beeches-residents-association/removal-of-affected-ash-die-back-trees>

When you have read the detailed grant application we hope you will feel able to continue to the donations section and support the appeal. If you are a UK taxpayer your donation via Gift Aid will add an additional 25%.

Left click on "Donate Now"

Select the amount you wish to donate

You will need to either login - "User Login" or create an account – "Create Account". Select which option applies to you.

1. Enter a message e.g. Donation
2. Confirm if you wish donation to be anonymous or have your name
3. Select type of donation from list.
4. Select whether you wish us to claim back an additional 25% from gift aid. Read note carefully.
5. Select how you want to pay and enter payment details.
6. View your donation.

There is also a process by which you can make a cheque donation directly with The Good Exchange. (This will still be matched by The Good Exchange), the form needed is attached and is also available on the PBRA web site.

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If you are a tenant could you please pass on this Newsletter to your landlord/agent. Our Bank details are below for information:

Metro Bank PLC

Account name: Purley Beeches Residents Association

Account number: 43324357

Sort Code: 23-05-80

Reference: e.g. 100 Hazel Road

Email address for any PBRA queries: pbra@purleyonthames.org.uk

CLEAR-UP MORNING:

The next Woods Clear Up will be on **Saturday 20 April 2024** from **10.30 am**. As usual, we will meet in Skerritt Way on the pathway opposite Marshall Close. The clear up includes clearing rubbish from the woods, cutting back overhanging bushes alongside the wall and removal of ivy from the base of some trees. Please bring gloves, secateurs or shears. Bags and other implements will be provided. This task is for the benefit of all on the estate and is a chance to meet your neighbours, so please try to be there if you can. Thanks to everyone who came along to help at the last clear up. **We're providing coffee and biscuits** as a thank you for any residents/helpers who can make it to this one!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

PBRA AGM: The date for the **Annual General Meeting will be Wednesday 6 November 2024** in PURLEY MEMORIAL HALL, Glebe Road, 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM, but only paid-up households are eligible to vote.

If any resident is interested in joining the PBRA committee or being a Trustee, please ask any committee member for information on what is involved. It doesn't take a lot of time but is important to help safeguard the interests of the residents and helping to preserve the green and pleasant environment of the estate

I've included here the link to the Association's website [Purley Beeches Residents Association \(purleyonthames.org.uk\)](http://PurleyBeechesResidentsAssociation(purleyonthames.org.uk)).

This will give you an introduction to the PBRA and how and why it came into existence and has a link to a map showing the pieces of land which the Association was formed to hold and maintain for the residents of the estate. There's an annual fee, currently £17, which is used to maintain the trees and the sections of the boundary wall to the Association's land, as well as Public Liability Insurance.

Committee Members:

Barry Kochanek (Chairman)	943 3819	<u>Trustees</u>	
Margaret Rolfe (Memberships)	941 7247	Barry Kochanek	
Jill Brown (Secretary)	941 2326	Margaret Richardson	07837078151
Anne Ritchie	941 2465		
Tony Stener (Treasurer)	941 7143		
Jo Coombes			